

## **Judge Melinda J. Young**

Judge Young joined the King County Superior Court bench on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. She was appointed by Governor Inslee to the position previously occupied by Judge Barbara Linde, who retired in December of 2018.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Young worked at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for over 20 years, most recently as the chair of the Economic Crimes Unit focusing on elder abuse, identity theft, and complex fraud cases. She helped to create King County's Mental Health Court in 1999, which emphasizes treatment and housing for the criminal defendants who have persistent mental illness. In 2004, she oversaw the retrials of 102 murder cases reversed by the Washington State Supreme Court.

Judge Young currently serves on the King County Bar Association's Diversity Committee. She is the recipient of the Randy Revelle Award for Lifetime Achievement in Mental Health Advocacy and the Matthew Simeone ASIS Award for excellence in creating public-private solutions to identity theft challenges.

Judge Young earned her law degree with honors from the University of Washington and graduated summa cum laude from Washington State University, where she majored in communications.